



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 3: Jesus

Older Preschool

Theme Verse

“For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Objective

People in the Old Testament told that Jesus would be born.

Teach

Have you ever wished you knew something before it happened? What would you like to know about the future? What would you do with that news?

The Bible has several books in the Old Testament and New Testament telling of things that have happened and will happen in the future. One of the things the Old Testament tells us about is a special baby that would be born into the world. The baby would be a boy, and He would be the One God promised to send to save us from our sins.

Several writers of the Bible received messages from God about this special baby. Isaiah told us a special young lady, who had never had children, would have a Son. She would call Him Immanuel, meaning *“God with us”* (Matthew 1:23 ESV). Isaiah also told us about His character by giving Him other special names: *“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace.”* Isaiah said this special baby would one day grow up to rule like a king who is fair and just. Micah, another prophet, told us the baby would be born in Bethlehem and rule over Israel. All of these things came true about 700 years after they were written.

We know this special baby as Jesus. He is God's Son. We celebrate His birthday at Christmas. That is why we sing songs like "Immanuel" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Our Bible verse this week is Isaiah 9:6, *"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."*

Say this verse several times. Play several Christmas songs that are about Jesus' birth. Play a form of "Musical Chairs" with those around your table. Stop the song several times. When the music stops, say the verse.

Discussion Questions

1. Who told about Jesus in the Old Testament? (Prophets: Isaiah, Micah, and others)
2. What was one of the special names the Prophets gave for Jesus? (Immanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace)

Play

Pull out a baby picture of each person at the table. Starting with the youngest, have them place the picture in front of the person it belongs to. If this is not correct, gather the pictures and let the next child place the pictures down. Continue until all the pictures are with the correct person.

Continue looking at other pictures. If you have baby books of the child(ren), pull them out. Child(ren) love looking at themselves as babies. You can also use this time to talk about the meaning of their names.

Sing

["This is Amazing Grace"](#)

Live it Out

This week, we learned that people in the Old Testament told us Jesus would be born. We learned that Jesus is God's Son, and He would be born in Bethlehem. He would be called Immanuel which means, God with us. He would be our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. When you meet or see a new baby, pray that baby will learn about Jesus and live for Him.

Closing Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven, Thank You for allowing us to see that You had special plans to send Jesus to us. Thank You for Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection—just as You told the Old Testament Prophets. Thank You for allowing them to see this and write about it so long ago. May we live for You. Amen!